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"To be born into the world in the first place, and then to be born again, born into the Kingdom of God, and finally to enter into the eternity of the marriage covenant—these three conditions explain with clearness the very purpose of life."—RUDGER CLAWSON.

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GREETINGS

FROM THE FIRST PRESIDENCY OF THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST
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TO OUR BRETHREN AND SISTERS AND FRIENDS THROUGHOUT
THE WORLD:

As Christmastide again approaches our thoughts revert to the annunciation made by the angel of the Lord to the shepherds who tended their flocks on the hills of Judea, that unto them had been born that day, in the city of David, a Saviour, which was Christ, our Lord.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

The mission of the Messiah was one of peace. The message which He delivered and exemplified in His life bears witness to the devotion and fidelity with which He discharged the trust reposed in Him by His Father, who sent Him to earth that man might know God, as He was exemplified in His Only Begotten Son.

His message was rejected by His own people. He was ridiculed, spat upon, and finally put to death by decree of Pontius Pilate.

He declared His death and resurrection from the tomb, and bore witness that at a subsequent time, a period designated as the latter-days, He would return to earth and establish the reign of peace, which He would have established in the meridian of time had His message been accepted.

Just prior to His crucifixion, as He sat upon the Mount of Olives, His disciples came to Him privately and said :

Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?

Jesus answering them said :

Ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars. . . . For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom : and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. All these are the beginning of sorrows. . . . Then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. . . .

And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven : and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. . . .

But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.

These and many other passages of scripture which might be quoted indicate that the advent of Christ, our Lord, to assume dominion over the earth which He redeemed through the shedding of His blood, draweth near.

With the coming of Christmastide and the dawning of a new year, we are confronted with a bankrupt world—a world in which the nations, as well as individuals, find themselves fettered with bonds of debt. A universal depression exists, the like of which has never before prevailed under similar conditions.

With banks overburdened with money, thousands of honest toilers are unable to pay the grocer. With elevators bursting with wheat, industrial workers are without bread. With warehouses overstocked with sugar which cannot be sold, children cry for the sweets which they so much crave but cannot procure.

The Prophet Isaiah, referring to the age in which we live, tells us that a time of tribulation will come, from which none shall escape. He says :

It shall be, as with the people, so with the priests ; as with the servant, so with his master ; as with the maid, so with her mistress ; as with the buyer, so with the seller ; as with the lender, so with the borrower ; as with the taker of usury, so with the giver of usury to him.

Notwithstanding the confusion which at present prevails in this world of ours, we have much to be thankful for, and can look confidently forward to a brighter and happier day.

If the people of the world will turn to God, and acknowledge His Son, our Redeemer ; if each citizen of our country will put away selfishness, strife, and bitterness ; if men who enact our laws will be governed by the necessities of all of the people, and not of a favoured few ; if every citizen will pledge himself to rigidly observe the laws, and uphold the men who frame and execute them, the clouds of adversity will roll away, the sun of prosperity

will shine again, and peace and plenty will prevail "from the rivers to the ends of the earth."

If the extravagant expenditure of money by our government, our state, our counties and municipalities, and citizens, as it has prevailed during the past few years, is to continue; if heavier burdens of taxation are to be saddled upon the people; if murders, robberies, racketeering, the appointment or election of dishonest men to office, and other violations of the law are to go unpunished, chaos must be our inevitable heritage.

Our Lord has promised that all who patiently endure these tribulations to the end shall be saved.

To our brethren and sisters of the Church, and our fellow citizens of the state and nation, we wish you all a joyful Yuletide, and pray that the coming year may bring relief from our present burdens.

HEBER J. GRANT
ANTHONY W. IVINS

CHURCH DEDICATES BELGIAN CHAPELS

ELDER JOHN R. TALMAGE, FRENCH MISSION

(ON the second Sunday in November the eyes of all Church members in Europe were turned upon two cities of Belgium where the dedication of two imposing chapels was being held marking the culmination of many month's work and faithful industry by saints in that oldest of the districts of the French Mission.)

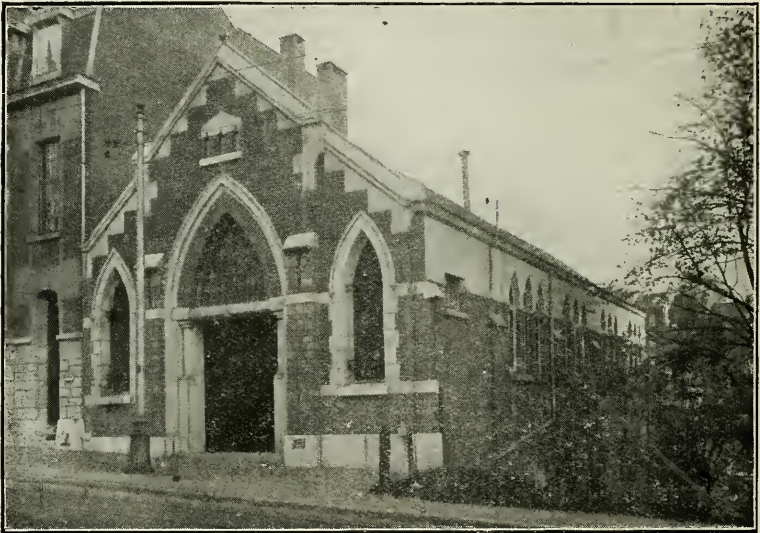
The undying faith and devotion of American missionaries and Belgian members of the Church were rewarded when on Sunday, November 8th, the performance of two simple but impressive ceremonies in the towns of Liege and Seraing, Belgium, marked the culmination of a long series of struggles, numerous disappointments, and an enormous amount of work over a period of years.

As Elder John A. Widtsoe, of the Council of the Twelve, pronounced the dedicatory prayers in the two little chapels in the towns above-mentioned, a spirit of peace could be felt to flow through the gatherings and a solemn joy and righteous pride filled every heart as the dream of years was at last realized.

A crying need has long been felt in Belgium, the oldest portion of the French Mission, for some spot which the saints might call home. Considerable progress had been made in the district before the mission labours were interrupted by the war in 1914, and as soon as possible after the conflict had subsided the Church was again working to spread a knowledge of the Gospel through these lands. In 1922 the Elders returned, and since that time they have been unceasingly at work, but for many years their labours were hindered by the lack of suitable places for the holding of their meetings.

As membership grew and the friends of the Church multiplied with rapidity, the urgent need for meeting halls belonging to the Church itself became apparent. Former President Ernest C. Rossiter was the first to promote this worthy cause in an active manner and the development and ultimate realization of this dream of the saints may be directly traced to his plans and first organization. However, it was not destined to be his privilege to see his plans carried to a successful conclusion and it was his successor, the late regretted President P. Rulon Christensen, who took active charge of the completion of the two buildings.

As soon as the construction was completed and paid for, the natural desire of the saints was to have their new homes blessed and dedicated to the worship of the God to whose service they had been erected. Projects were formed immediately, but delays set in time after time to postpone this desired happening.



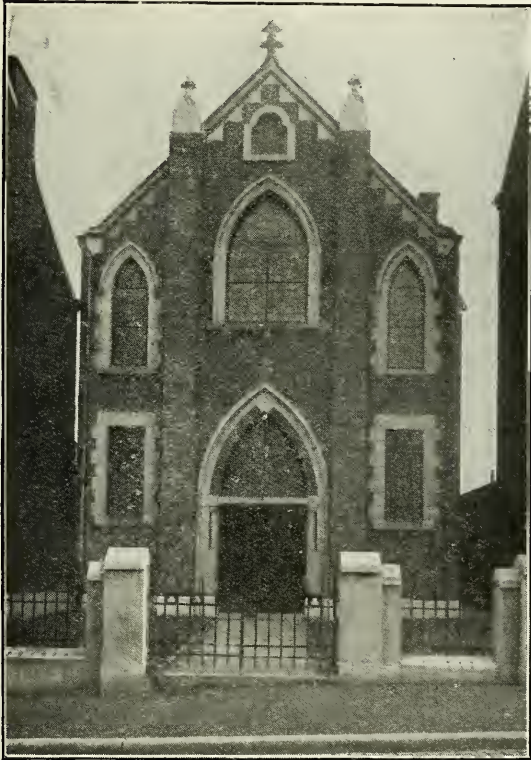
LIEGE CHAPEL, BELGIAN DISTRICT, FRENCH MISSION

Meanwhile, the president of the mission was once more changed and Brother Golden L. Woolf came from Canada to carry on the good work of his predecessors in this particular as well as in other phases of the labour, and it is to his efforts that are owed the *mis au point* and meticulous attention to detail which made the recent proceedings so completely successful.

At the same time the presidents of the Belgian District came and went, Elders Nibley, White, Thompson, Harris and Goodwin, succeeding one another in that order and each one did much for the advancement of this cause while the traveling Elders assigned

to these towns also did yeoman service in the construction and decoration of the churches.

But at last the many delays came to an end and the dedicatory services were held. As President Widtsoe stood before the gathering of saints and pronounced the prayer of dedication, those in the audience had their hearts filled to overflowing and many an eye was damp with tears of sincere joy, while on the stand behind him sat President and Sister Woolf, President Frank I.



SERAING CHAPEL, BELGIAN DISTRICT, FRENCH MISSION

Kooyman of the Netherlands Mission, President Goodwin of the Belgian District and some twenty missionaries.

These chapels themselves are not grandiose nor elaborate but they lack neither grace nor beauty. Built somewhat similarly of reddish brick and white stone with simple but tasteful style of architecture, each of the buildings contain a large meeting room of about five hundred capacity, an amusement hall of somewhat the same size, and numerous offices and smaller rooms for various purposes.

In both buildings the walls of the main assembly rooms are of plain white and those of the amusement halls decorated with the utmost simplicity, creating an atmosphere almost of severity were this not offset by the spirit of love and devotion which the builders have infused into the very walls.

An extensive conference was held in connection with the dedicatory exercises, beginning with an attractive social at Seraing on Saturday night.

Sunday morning the dedication was held in Liege with a full



A GROUP OF BELGIAN SAINTS, LEIGE CHAPEL

attendance, and the similar service in Seraing in the afternoon was also greeted with a filled auditorium. At night the conference of the Belgian District was held in Liege and the fact that almost every seat was again taken gives evidence of the interest of the people.

The entire day on Monday was occupied by a missionary testimony meeting. Each Elder spoke during the morning, while President Widtsoe, President Kooyman, and President and Sister Woolf filled the afternoon and evening with excellent advice and admonition.

The conference was a highly successful one from every standpoint, and the dedication of the chapels marks a genuine step forward in the progress of the French Mission and of the European Missions generally. All those present were much impressed and encouraged and are confidently looking forward to the time when such Latter-day Saint chapels will be found scattered throughout the land.

PRIESTHOOD

First Week. Opening exercises. Ten-minute report of local Priesthood activities. Lesson: *Studies in Priesthood*, Chapter 12—"Administering Church Ordinances." Study from beginning of chapter on page 58, to "Re-baptism," on page 60. Objective: To show the forms of required prayers of the Church and the manner of administering Church ordinances; that these ordinances should be performed in the spirit of humility and faith and under the influence of the Spirit of the Lord.

1. What are the few set forms of prayers in the Church of Jesus Christ?
2. How should the Elders live so that they may have the inspiration of the Spirit of God?
3. (a) Who should be called in to administer to the sick? (b) What is the prayer of faith?
4. (a) What is the proper procedure in the anointing of a sick person? (b) In sealing the anointing?
5. Why should those officiating exercise faith for the patient's recovery, and place themselves under the influence of the Spirit of God?
6. Name the necessary qualifications of a candidate for baptism.
7. Why should baptized believers be confirmed members of the Church without delay?
8. In what manner is baptism to be administered unto all who repent?
9. Why is it necessary for one to receive the Holy Ghost after baptism?

Second Week. Opening exercises. Ten-minute report of local Priesthood activities. Two twelve-minute talks, the first on "Marriage," referring to Talmage's *Articles of Faith*, from page 442 to 447. The second on "Sanctity of the Body," from page 447 to 449 in the same source. Refer to other Church books and references on these subjects. A class discussion is to follow the remarks of both speakers, in which every one present should participate.

Third Week. Opening exercises. Ten-minute report of local Priesthood activities. Lesson: *Studies in Priesthood*, Chapter 12—"Administering Church Ordinances." Study from "Re-baptism," on page 60 to the end of chapter. Objective: To explain "re-baptism" into the Church and the proper procedure of confirmation into the Church of Jesus Christ, following the ordinance of baptism; to show the sacredness of the Sacrament ordinance; the manner of confirmation and ordination to the Priesthood, and the proper procedure in blessing children.

1. Explain "re-baptism" in the Church of Jesus Christ.
2. What is the proper procedure in confirming a baptized person a member of the Church?
3. What is the meaning of the Sacrament ordinance?

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 1932

EDITORIAL

BE YE STRONG!

EACH generation has had its great thinkers, scientists, physicians and students who have revealed great truths to the astonishment of those living. The remedies learned for physical ills were helpful to the people of the day. Yet, as generation after generation came and passed to the great beyond, they left behind them a trail of great physical suffering and untimely deaths in spite of the greatest available medical skill.

A new era of learning came to humanity upon the obtaining of divine truths, by revelation from God, to the Prophet Joseph Smith, one hundred years ago. One of these revelations of truth is the inspired code of physical laws, called the Word of Wisdom. "Eat every herb in the season thereof. . . . Grain is good for the food of man; as also the fruit of the vine," to be eaten fresh and in the season thereof. "Flesh also . . . I, the Lord, have ordained for the use of man . . . to be used sparingly . . . only in time of winter, or of cold, or famine. . . . Strong drinks (alcoholic) are not for the belly, but for the washing of your bodies. And again, tobacco . . . and hot drinks are not for the body or belly."

Scientific findings often lag behind truths revealed through the Lord's Prophets. Present-day scientists are proving the Word of Wisdom, as revealed to Joseph Smith, to be the panacea of physical ills.

People, the world over, are learning that if good health is to be enjoyed, proper foods, in proper quantities, at regular intervals, must be eaten. Disobedience to these simple health laws breeds bodily discomfort, weakness, and eventual deterioration of both body and mind. Strict adherents of the Latter-day Saint's "Word of Wisdom," testify to having been relieved of rheumatism, nerve disorders, the alleviation of periodical colds, and to a great increase in their physical well-being.

Notwithstanding that the power of the Lord for healing the sick is within the Latter-day Saint Church, and many faithful persons have thereby been restored to health and strength, yet the Lord expects us to obey His laws and to keep His revealed commandments. A far greater power is embodied in the Word of Wisdom, and in keeping the laws of health, thus, preventing disease and distress. If people adhered absolutely to the Word of Wisdom, there would be but little, if any, sickness. The healing power of

the Lord could be called upon when needed, but men would literally "walk and not be weary" and could with power call upon "the destroying angel to pass them by."

Is not good health, of body and mind, a prize worth living for?

WELDEN C. ROBERTS

GOOD RESULTS OF THE DISTRICT CONFERENCES

THE district conferences of the British Mission, held during the fall months of the year just closed, were said to be, on the whole, more largely attended than for several years past. A general spiritual awakening seems to have been aroused and much interest was manifested by investigators and friends. The actual count of those in attendance at the three Sunday meetings showed 1,889 at the morning services, 2,671 in the afternoon, and 4,003 at night, a total attendance at all meetings of 8,563.

The pageant, specially written by Elder John F. Cook, of the Norwich District, on the all-absorbing subject, "Salvation for the Dead," was in most of the conferences presented at the afternoon services, and with telling effect. Special scenery, new costumes, effective electric-lighting and special music in many of the places, made the pageant very vivid. The people were moved to tears wherever it was shown, and fresh determination to press on in the work of salvation for the dead was plainly manifested. Friends expressed themselves as being deeply affected by the wonderful doctrine of universal salvation, as revealed through the Prophet Joseph Smith, and so impressively portrayed by the pageant. No discourse could have made such a lasting and indelible impression as did this wonderful creation.

Statistics gathered from the Mission show that interest in the work of genealogical research is growing. There are forty-one genealogical committees, with three hundred and forty-five officers and members, and two hundred and forty actively engaged in genealogical and temple work.

The interest in Patriarchal blessings at the conferences was unbounded. This is shown in the large number who applied for them. There were a great many who could not be accommodated, due to insufficient time and for physical reasons. As it was, nearly six hundred blessings were given, and it will be another month or six weeks before all blessings will have been transcribed from the shorthand notes and copied in original form and mailed out to those to whom they were given. Much patience has had to be exercised in this respect, which is deeply appreciated by the Patriarch.

The reports made at the conferences by the District Presidents showed a marked increase in baptisms, tithing and fast offerings.

The missionary labours of the Elders, as told in the statistics presented, were in keeping with the presentation made at the spring conferences.

The conferences were marked with great respect and interest manifested by those attending, especially by strangers and investigators. In only one place was any of the meetings disturbed, and that only momentarily. The result of this disturbance has increased the interest of the truly honest investigator.

Both missionaries and members of the Church in all the branches and districts should work unitedly and with a greater enthusiasm, if such a thing were possible, to make the spring conferences of 1932, reflect in a greater degree, faith and good works in the accomplishment of God's purposes.

JAMES H. WALLIS.

PRIESTHOOD

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4. Why is it proper to use water in place of wine in the Sacrament ordinance?
5. Repeat the forms of prayer for blessing the bread and water.
6. Who are permitted to partake of the Sacrament?
7. What must be considered before one is ordained to the Priesthood?
8. Who holds the authority to ordain in the different offices of the Priesthood?
9. How would you bless a child?

Fourth Week. Opening exercises. Ten-minute report of local Priesthood activities. Two twelve-minute talks, the first on "The Sabbath Day Before the Time of Jesus Christ," and the second on the "Sabbath Day During and following the Time of Jesus Christ," referring to Talmage's *Articles of Faith*, on page 449 to 452. Refer to other Church books and references on these subjects. A class discussion is to follow the remarks of both speakers, in which every one present should take part.

RELIEF SOCIETY

THE following is the *Auxiliary Guide* number for February, with the Objectives and Slogan Talk ideas.

SLOGAN: "We Stand for a More Sincere Sisterly Love Through Application of the Saviour's Parables and Teachings."

Lesson Text: "The Value of Life Here and Hereafter."

FIRST WEEK. Opening exercises. Slogan Talk—Point out the benefits of the Relief Society Manual. *Theology—Life Everlasting*—Lesson No. 5, "The Human Personality," pages 46-50. Objective: To show that man is the center of the religion of Jesus, and his relationship to God; that theologians all down the ages

were curious to know of God and His ways; that the Book of Mormon boldly teaches of our existence before this earth life in the form of spiritual tabernacles; that the world's great thinkers, since Joseph Smith's time, are grasping the idea of pre-earth existence.

SECOND WEEK. Opening exercises. Slogan Talk—Point out the necessity of tolerance and mercy to our fellow-man. *Work and Business.* During this class period the "Teachers' Topic for February," should be discussed by the sisters present. This is found on page 50 in the lesson text. Objective: To show who is our neighbour; that the chief object of the Relief Society is for charitable purposes.

THIRD WEEK. Opening exercises. Slogan Talk—Show how necessary it is that members of the Church should exercise charity. *Literature—Mothers of Ancient Scripture—Lesson No. 5, "Hebrew, Rebekah: 'Charming'—Mother of Israel,"* pages 50-54. Objective: To show how the Covenant Race was preserved through Rebekah, Mother of Israel, who being a woman of remarkable faith in God remained loyal to her mission in life.

FOURTH WEEK. Opening exercises. Slogan Talk—Point out the joy that comes to one by obedience to the laws of God. *Social Service—Human Welfare—Lesson No. 5, "Homes Influence Health,"* pages 55-57. Objective: To show the necessity of proper Home Making, and the responsibility that rests upon the parents; that the maintaining of the highest health standard in each home is a national duty.

JOSEPHINE B. LUND.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

SACRAMENT GEM FOR FEBRUARY

PURIFY our hearts, our Saviour,
Let us go not far astray,
That we may be counted worthy
Of Thy Spirit, day by day.

CONCERT RECITATION FOR FEBRUARY

(Ephesians 4: 11-12)

And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ.

GOSPEL DOCTRINE DEPARTMENT.

February 7. Uniform Lesson. Subject: "Honesty and Trustworthiness." Text: Sunday School Lesson for February 7th. (For teachers' outline, see Superintendents' Department.)

February 14. Lesson 6. "The Nature of God." Text: Sunday School Lesson No. 6. Objective: It is well to bear in mind that although numerous theories are extant with respect to the nature of God, yet the only reliable information concerning this matter comes from those who have actually seen Him or from those who possess prophetic vision. All information derived from this source points unmistakably to the fact that Deity possesses a body similar in form to that of man. Discussion on this subject should make this matter clear.

February 21. Lesson 7. "Relationship of Man to God." Text: Sunday School Lesson No. 7. Objective: It has been learned through revelation that man is an actual child of God, and that by proper living he may eventually approach the capabilities of the Father. This fact accounts for the intense interest which Deity has in the welfare of mankind. Man's possibilities are accordingly, endless. The rate of man's progression is determined by the degree of his devotion to good works and obedience to Divine law. There is no more glorious conception of God than that He is the veritable father of the human race, devoting His entire energies to its welfare and ultimate happiness.

February 28. Lesson 8. "Man's Personal Existence." Text: Sunday School Lesson No. 8. Objective: Point out the fact that Man's earthly existence is merely an incident—an important one—in his entire career. He existed for almost interminable periods of time before he came to earth and will continue eternally after he leaves it. Revelation has definitely answered the question of the nature of life and the origin of man's spirit, and of the goal of future existence.

NEW TESTAMENT DEPARTMENT "A".

February 7. Uniform Lesson. Subject: "Honesty and Trustworthiness."

February 14. Lesson 6. "The Sojourn in the Wilderness and the Temptations of Jesus." Text: Luke 4: 1-13; Weed's, *A Life of Christ for the Young*, Chapter 12; Sunday School Lesson No. 6. Objective: To teach that Christ increased in power after His baptism and proved His right to the Messiahship by successfully withstanding evil.

February 21. Lesson 7. "The First Disciples." Text: John 1: 29-51; Weed's, *A Life of Christ for the Young*, Chapter 13; Sunday School Lesson No. 7. Objective: A testimony of the divinity of Jesus and the truth of His Gospel is obtained by obeying His teachings and following His example.

February 28. Lesson 8. "The First Miracle." Text: John 2: 1-11; Weed's, *A Life of Christ for the Young*, Chapter 15; Sunday School Lesson No. 8. Objective: Evidences of the power

and divinity of the Saviour are added unto those who have faith and obey His teachings.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

February 7. A Picture Lesson.

February 14. Lesson 5. "Enoch Blessed by God." Text: Genesis 5: 18-24; Pearl of Great Price, Moses 6: 21-68; Sunday School Lesson No. 5. Objective: Disobedience generally brings sorrow, but obedience always brings satisfaction.

February 21. Lesson 6. "Why the Rainbow is in the Sky." Text: Genesis 6, 7, 8: 1-17; Pearl of Great Price, Moses 8: 15-20; Sunday School Lesson No. 6. Objective: Disobedience generally brings sorrow, but obedience always brings satisfaction.

February 28. Lesson 7. "The Tower that Was Never Finished." Text: Genesis 11: 9; Sunday School Lesson No. 7. Objective: Disobedience generally brings sorrow, but obedience always brings satisfaction.

The Instructor.

It is suggested that the two and one-half minute talks be based upon the following topics: "Free Agency," and "Self Control." Kindly see that these topics are assigned one week before they are given.

For singing practice during the month of February, the following songs are suggested: "All Hail the New Born Year," and "Merry, Merry Children Sweetly Sing."

W. K. L.

MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

THE first effect of either tea or coffee is a feeling of exhilaration. This is purely a drug effect. It is a form of intoxication. The caffeine excites the nerve terminals in the stomach and through them the brain and the heart. Fatigue is for the time forgotten. The intellect is aroused, and the imagination becomes more vivid. There is, in fact, a general feeling of well-being and fitness. The trouble is, this is merely a state of nervous excitement, the effect of which soon wears off. Naturally this state of excitation is followed by a corresponding state of debility and languor. This creates the demand for another stimulant of some kind. In other words, every artificial up, is followed by a corresponding down. The tendency, therefore is downward and a demand for stronger stimulants is created. In time a state of complete nervous and mental exhaustion is reached. (By Dr. Joseph F. Merrill.)

SLOGAN: "We Stand for Physical, Mental, and Spiritual Health through Observance of the Word of Wisdom."

Lesson Text: "The Gospel and Health."

FIRST WEEK. Opening exercises. *Preliminary Program:*

Slogan Talk—Point out the benefits of muscular exercise. Have a short address by one who has spent a holiday in a place of historical interest, and have this followed with the congregation singing old English ballads. Lesson: Chapter 13, "Economy In the Use of Meats." Objective: To show that in a large measure our body troubles come from excesses in eating proteid foods—meats, principally—as shown in a series of experiments by Dr. Chittenden of Yale University; that science again confirms the statement in the Word of Wisdom concerning the moderate use of meat.

SECOND WEEK. Opening exercises. (No Preliminary Program.) Lesson: Chapter 14, "Sweets and Pastry 'Exposed.'" Objective: To show the injury done to the stomach in the use of sweets between the regular periods of digesting food, and the great evil done to the body in the use of pastries. Turn the last half-hour over to a discussion of the life and work of an eminent English author.

THIRD WEEK. Opening exercises. *Preliminary Program*: Slogan Talk—Point out the benefits of recreation. Have someone give some interesting anecdotes or humorous stories, and follow this with a vocal trio. Lesson: Chapter 15, "Elimination and Evacuation." Objective: To show the value and process of elimination and evacuation of waste material from the body.

FOURTH WEEK. Opening exercises. Mutual Improvement Social. Suggestive helps to an enjoyable evening will be sent out in the February *Game Supplement*.

P. L. W.

NEWCASTLE DISTRICT CONFERENCE

THE Fall Conference of the Newcastle District, held in the Crown Hall at South Shields, on December 13th, was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The morning session was devoted to instructing the Priesthood and Relief Society groups, given by President A. William Lund, Patriarch James H. Wallis and Sister Gwendolyn Lund. Patriarch Wallis edified the brethren in the duties and responsibilities of those holding the Priesthood and exhorted them to exercise their authority and power in righteousness. President Lund gave valuable instructions, urging the brethren to shun temptation as they would a viper and to fortify themselves against the powers of the Evil One. The sisters were counseled and advised in their work by Sister Gwendolyn Lund.

In the afternoon session a pageant, depicting work of "Salvation for the Dead," was effectively presented, inspiring the saints to labour unceasingly in this most glorious cause of the Lord.

Throughout the evening services a marvelous manifestation of

the Spirit of the Lord prevailed. Patriarch Wallis told of his many years of experience in the Church and related the wonderful story of the restoration of the Gospel and the coming forth of the Book of Mormon. President Lund spoke upon the fruits of "Mormonism" and pleaded with the saints to abide by its teachings. A vocal solo rendered by Sister Nellie Thompson and a musical selection given by the South Shields Chorus, added to the spirit of the occasion.

The following mission authorities and missionaries were present: President A. William Lund, Sister Gwendolyn Lund and Perry L. Watkins, of the British Mission Office; Patriarch James H. Wallis, of the European Mission; District President Leo E. Bevan (released), President Cleon H. Kerr, and Elders William K. Whatcott, Angus S. Bodily, John F. Hawkins, A. Lee Brown, Clarence L. Miller, E. Wendell Stringfellow, Henry Groom, Delwin M. Clawson and Clifford G. Green, all of the Newcastle District; Elder Percy L. Matthews, London District; President Clarence H. Taylor, Welsh District; Elders F. Ephraim Bates and A. Ray Curtis, Scottish District, and President Rock M. Kirkham, Liverpool District.

Forty members received their Patriarchal blessings, and many who came prepared to receive them have had to wait until the next visit of Patriarch Wallis.

ELDER WILLIAM K. WHATCOTT, District Clerk.

FROM THE MISSION FIELD

Doings in the Districts: *Scottish*—On October 30th, the Relief Society of the Airdrie Branch, Scottish District, sponsored a halloween social. An extensive program consisting of games and musical numbers, followed by refreshments, was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Transfers: On January 11th, the following missionaries were transferred from and to the districts specified: Elden L. Bastian, Nottingham to Portsmouth; Dallas A. Berrett, Hull to Bristol; Clarence R. Ellsworth, Hull to Welsh; Joseph W. Marriott, Portsmouth to Nottingham; Rex A. Meeks, Bristol to Norwich; Frank J. Mozley, London to Leeds; David L. Rowley, Jr., Portsmouth to Newcastle, and David Taylor, Leeds to Scottish.

Appointments and Releases: On January 11th, Elder A. Ray Curtis was appointed president of the Scottish District, succeeding President Lyndon J. Hall; Elder John W. Taylor was appointed president of the Portsmouth District, succeeding President David L. Rowley, Jr.; and Elder Elman T. Woodfield was appointed president of the Norwich District, succeeding President Irving T. Duffin.

Releases and Departures: The following missionaries have been honourably released from their labours in the British Mission and have departed for their homes in America: Angus S. Bodily, Leeds and

Newcastle Districts; Cyrus W. Greaves, Birmingham and Portsmouth Districts; Paul B. Larsen, London and Liverpool Districts, released on December 14th, sailed from Cherbourg on January 7th, aboard the *President Harding*.

Branch Conferences: Of the Cirencester Branch, Bristol District, held on November 1st. The theme, "Relief Society Work," was presented in pageant form by the sisters, and developed in addresses by the Elders. A social was held the previous Saturday to raise funds with which to purchase song books. President Harold E. Dean and Elders Bert W. Bellamy and Abner W. Snarr were among those in attendance.

Of the Nelson Branch, Liverpool District, held on November 8th. At both sessions of the conference the members and their friends were edified, and enjoyed the rich outpouring of the Spirit of the Lord. The branch report indicated a great increase of activity during the past six months. The theme, "Make Ready the Way," was impressively developed. President Rock M. Kirkham and Paul B. Larsen were in attendance.

Of the Cheltenham Branch, Bristol District, held on November 15th. The importance of members doing missionary work was portrayed in pageant form, at the first session of the conference. There was a large attendance of members at the evening meeting, including the following missionaries: President Harold E. Dean and Elders Rex A. Meeks and C. Dennis McCarthy.

Of the North London Branch, London District, held on November 1st. The theme, "Salvation for the Dead," was admirably developed by the members of the Branch. President O. Meredith Wilson and Elders Glen T. Dixon and Paul H. Morton were in attendance.

Of the Luton Branch, London District, held on November 8th. The Genealogical theme was well portrayed by those participating in the program. President O. Meredith Wilson and Elders Royal H. Jensen, Frank J. Mozley and Warren M. Tingey were present.

Of the West London Branch, London District, held on November 15th. The members and their friends were edified and instructed concerning the work for the dead. President O. Meredith Wilson and Elders Glen T. Dixon, Wayne B. Lake and Frank J. Mozley were in attendance.

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